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Detroit VA Medical Center Marks Veterans Day

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(Detroit) The Detroit VA Medical Center will honor Detroit-area Veterans, including hundreds of its own staff members, patients and supporters, on **November 10, 2011**.

The medical center's annual Veterans Day event will take place, **8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** in B1290 on the 1st floor of the medical center. The presentation portion of the program will run 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m., with appearances by U.S. Congressman John D. Dingell, Rich Luterman, Chief Meteorologist of Fox2 Detroit (both Veterans), author Robert Miller and others.

"Every day is Veterans Day for those of us who work at the VA," said Dr. Pamela Reeves, Director of the Detroit VA Medical Center. "I'm proud to recognize these wonderful men and women for their service to our nation. This day is always so special for us. Not only do we recognize and pay tribute to the Veterans we serve each day, we are able to salute our own staff members who have gone above and beyond to serve America."

When it opened in 1996, the medical center was named in honor of **Congressman Dingell**, sworn in this year for his 29th term in the U.S. House of Representatives. "It's a special day when Congressman Dingell walks through our doors and greets the men and women that this hospital,

named in his honor, serves. We are always thrilled to mark these special occasions in his company,” said Dr. Reeves.

Rich Luterman is Chief Meteorologist at Fox 2, Detroit and also a Veteran. “Rich’s presence really personalizes Veterans Day for so many of our patients and staff-members,” said Reeves. “It’s great to see someone of notoriety in our community come to our medical center to recognize his fellow Veterans and thank them for their service.”

Robert Miller is an award-winning photographer and author of the book, Finding My Father’s War, Revelations from the Red Cross Diary of an American POW in Nazi Germany. He wrote the book after finding a diary penned by his father, shortly after his father passed away in 1994. Miller is a Michigan resident and has also donated a series of photographs of Veterans to be hung in the Detroit VA Medical Center atrium.

Following the presentations, attendees are invited to join various Veteran organizations for an open house and discussions, including memorabilia displays.

Since 1939, the Detroit VAMC has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. In 1996, the medical center moved from Allen Park, Michigan to the current location in Detroit. The John D. Dingell VAMC located in Detroit, Michigan is one of the newest VA facilities in the country. We consider it our privilege to serve the health care needs of our Veterans. Services are available to more than 330,000 Veterans living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. This population represents approximately forty-four percent of the Veteran population in the lower peninsula of Michigan. For more information, visit <http://www.detroit.va.gov>.